up the developments in the field and studying the implications of new results being obtained by HST.

(d) The HST data made available to the Indian scientists will be utilised along with the observations of their own optical and infra-red telescope facilities. This way the Indian scientists would be able to make significant contributions to new research in astronomy and astrophysics.

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12 Noon

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table— Shri Bhuvanesh Chaturvedi.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India, New Delhi and related papers

II. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): Sir I lay on the Table:—

I.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay for the year 1993-94, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, Shri V. Narayanasamy, in the chair]

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY (Orissa): Sir, I am on a point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): On which subject?

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: On the Papers to be laid on the Table.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): You have to specifically mention the item on which you want to raise it.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: On every item. This is above procedure.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Okay.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Sir, I may be permitted to refer to two paragraphs—26 and 27— of the First Report of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table.

Sir, paragraph 26 says:

> "The Committee recommends that the copies of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of public undertakings established by the Acts of Parliament or Government companies under the Companies Act, 1956 or Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 or any other organisation/board for which Annual Reports, etc. are to be placed on the Table of the Houses of Parliament, together with the Report Review/comments of the Auditor and Comptroller and Auditor General of India wherever necessary and the Report/Review of the Government should be laid within nine months of closure of the accounts. The timely laying of these Papers on the Table of the House apprises Parliament of the functioning of the public enterprises."

Sir, this is mandatory that the Accounts will be placed before the Parliament within nine months of the closure of the Accounts. That means, the Accounts for the financial year ending on 31st March should be placed before the Parliament in the winter session of that year.

Sri, the second thing is, paragraph 27 says:

> "In case of delay in reports for periods up to 31st March, a statement explaining the reason for delay should also be laid on the Table of the House along with the documents. If there is likely to be a delay in laying a Paper within the stipulated period, the administrative Ministry should approach the Committee sufficiently in advance for extension of time by explaining the reasons for doing so."

Sir, in the case of item I(1)(i), the Annual Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India should have been placed before the House in the winter session of 1994. Now it is already March, 1995. So, there is a delay. There is no statement about this delay. Then, Sir, in another case, there was a delay of over 18 years, and the Paper was laid on the Table of this House on the 24th of this month.

Sir, my request to the hon. Ministers is that they should comply with the recommendations of the Committee.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): About the point which you have raised, in respect of Item No. 1 which was laid on the Table of the House by Bhuvnesh Chaturvediji, there is already a statement giving reasons for the delay. Under item No. I(2), there is a "statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above." So, that has been given.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: About the Government accepting the report...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): I am talking about that. Moreover, there is a Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. If that Committee gives an opportunity to submit the document by the Ministry and if it is accepted, then it comes to the House. I think the point which was raised by the hon. Member is not in order. Now, Shri Bhuvnesh Chaturvedi, you can lay it on the Table.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: I have already laid it, Sir.

I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and related papers

II. Report (1993-94) on the Working and Administration of Companies Act, 1956

III. Notification of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

IV. Notification of the Institute of Company Secretary of India

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: Sir, I lay on the Table:—